Instances have come to notice of imported goods entered for warehousing and transit having been diverted. Space certificates, bank guarantees and re-warehousing certificates appear to have been forged towards this end.

Now, this Custom House shall follow the procedure given below,

1. In each and every case, the space certificates shall be verified with the issuing formation. The status of the importer and description of the goods, which it is permitted to warehouse, shall also be verified.

2. Once the existence of a warehouse is confirmed, for subsequent imports by the same importer, only random (25%) verification of space certificates shall be done.

3. The documents, which are presently being handed over to the importer, for delivery to the officer at the destination warehouse, shall from now on be sent by Speed Post only. Importers may be allowed to take Xerox copies.
4. Re-warehousing certificates shall, in all cases, be verified with the issuing formation. Bonds and bank guarantees shall not be cancelled until such verification is done.

5. Bank guarantees shall also be verified with the issuing bank branch. The directions at (1) and (2) above shall apply.

Trade is requested to co-operate.

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